

The Toddler Times



September/ October 2016

Welcome to MDOW!

Mark Your Calendars

October

11& 12 School Pictures

24-28 Orange Week

(wear something orange to school)

29 Boo Breakfast

November

14-18 Brown Week

22 Family Art Night 6-7:30

23-27 Closed for Thanksgiving

28 MDOW reopens 9:00 am



December

12-16 Red Week

21-1/3 Closed for Christmas

A warm welcome to all our parents and students. We hope everyone is ready for a fun school year. If you did not receive a 2016-17 Parent Handbook, please pick up a copy in the office.

We do have classroom openings in morning and afternoon sessions. Please tell your friends about us. If you are interested in adding a class, please speak to Debbie.

You can always check with your child's teacher to see if your child can come an extra session for those times when 3 hours just isn't enough for what you have planned that day. An extra session is \$21.00.

Extended care, is available until 5:30 in our MDOW Discovery session. This session is designed to provide activities that are creative and fun. The fee is \$15. MDOW Discovery can be scheduled or used on an as needed basis. Please call and let us know when you wish to add the session.

Boo Breakfast

Date: Saturday, Oct 29

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

Place: Applebees on Rt 40 in Catonsville

6505 Baltimore National Pike

Cost: \$7.00/person

MDOW is having a family breakfast fundraiser at Applebees! The MDOW staff will be serving a delicious pancake breakfast including sausage, juice & coffee. Wear your costumes! Tickets will be on sale in the Heart Room Oct 3. All proceeds go toward Family Art Night & the music program.



School Pictures

Individual school pictures will be taken of the children on Tuesday, October 11th and Wednesday, October 12th. If your child does not attend school on those days you may bring your child to school around 12:30 pm to be photographed. Information and payment envelopes will be sent home in a few weeks.

No Peanuts, No Tree nuts please

MDOW has a number of children with severe food allergies. The allergic reaction they experience if they ingest or come in contact with certain foods is life threatening. All children with a food allergy provide their own safe snack.

All food brought into school needs to be peanut and tree nut free.

Lunch: Thank you so very much for helping keep MDOW safe for everyone by not sending peanut butter or nut butter sandwiches. Some other ideas for lunch.. Lunch meat rolls, bagels & cream cheese, cheese sandwiches or cheese and crackers, dinner leftovers can be warmed in our microwaves, tuna, sunflower butter or soy butter, pizza, mac & cheese, hummus and vegetables, pizza or soup in a thermos.

Snack: Fruits and vegetables can be eaten by most of our students. [Http://snacksafely.com/snacklist.pdf](http://snacksafely.com/snacklist.pdf) is a list of products and specific brands that are nut free and not processed in a facility that contains nuts. We really appreciate your help in keeping MDOW a safe place for all of our students.

If your child eats a peanut/treenut food before school please make certain their hands and face are washed before entering the classrooms.

Reminders

- ◇ Tuition is due the first week of the month., a month in advance. Please place payments in tuition envelopes located in each classroom.
- ◇ Please send your child to school ready for outside play. Apply sunscreen before coming to school. Provide sweaters/ jackets, hats and shoes that will not slip or come off on the playground.
- ◇ All children need a complete change of clothes kept in their classroom.
- ◇ Mark all jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, etc with your child's name.
- ◇ Check the website at www.mdowpreschool.org for additional information.

Sick Policy

At MDOW, we do our best to minimize the spread of germs by making sure hands are washed before eating, after toileting, and after sneezing/nose wiping. Please keep your child home if they have a fresh cold, yellow or greenish runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or a fever. Please do not send your child to school until they have been fever free (without fever reducing medicine), diarrhea free **and vomiting free for 24 hrs.**



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Halloween

Halloween is always fun at MDOW. We color and hammer on pumpkins, talk about spiders and bats, and sing about witch's brew. For Halloween Parties, we ask that only children in the pre-K wear costumes. It has been our experience that some of the younger children become frightened by the costumes.